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May 6, 2015

Dear Members of the Legislature:

RE: SB 485 (Hernandez): County of Los Angeles: Sanitation Districts

We are writing to respectfully request your support for **County-supported SB 485 (Hernandez)**, which would give the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (LACSD) the legal authority to assist local municipalities throughout the County in stormwater and dry weather runoff management projects.

Since 1990, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board has been issuing stormwater permits to all the municipalities in Los Angeles County in an effort to improve stormwater quality and decrease pollutants in our rivers, lakes, and oceans. Each successive permit has been increasingly stringent and many municipalities are faced with technical and financial limitations to implement their projects to meet mandated water quality goals.

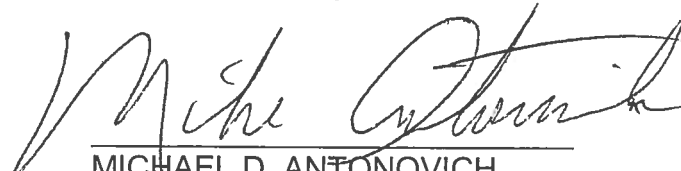
In addition, for the past four years California has faced a serious drought. Critical reductions in water supplies have resulted in increased efforts among numerous agencies, including Los Angeles County, to conserve more water.


SB 485 would supplement the existing powers of the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County and allow other agencies, at their cost, to hire LACSD to assist in the treatment, construction, operation, and management of projects that will help the agencies address stormwater and dry weather runoff concerns and regulatory obligations. This new authority would give local governments in Los Angeles County a critical new tool in addressing the drought and stormwater and dry weather runoff quality.

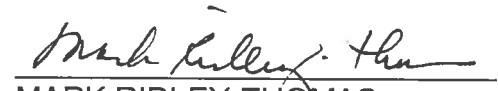
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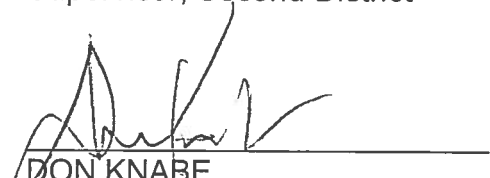
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RE: AB 530 (Rendon): Lower Los Angeles River Working Group

We are writing to respectfully request your support for **County-supported AB 530 (Rendon)**, which would require the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to appoint, in coordination with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, a local working group to develop a revitalization plan for the Lower Los Angeles River.

The United States Army Corps of Engineers recently approved a \$1.08 billion proposal to restore habitat, widen the river, create wetlands, and provide access points and bike trails to restore portions of the Upper Los Angeles River within the City of Los Angeles near Elysian Park (Alternative 20). The Lower Los Angeles River, the 19 miles of river flowing from downtown Los Angeles through multiple cities until it reaches the Pacific Ocean at Long Beach Harbor, does not have such a plan.

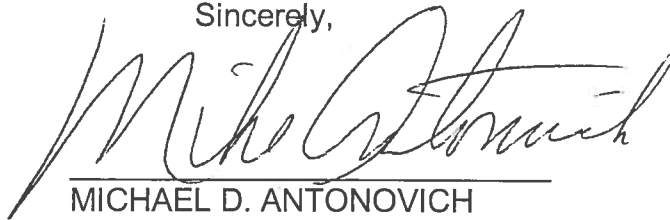
AB 530 would facilitate a conversation about how to improve the Lower Los Angeles River in concert with the revitalization of the Upper Los Angeles River, so that the entire River watershed can be collaboratively managed.

The bill would also bring together all those who care about the Los Angeles River and its future to work in close collaboration with State agencies that have the resources to support the effort to restore the river. This would, in turn, help to ensure that future recreational-use opportunities along the Lower Los Angeles River within the publicly-owned right of way conform with the flood protection and public safety priorities of the County.

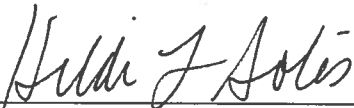
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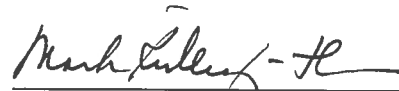
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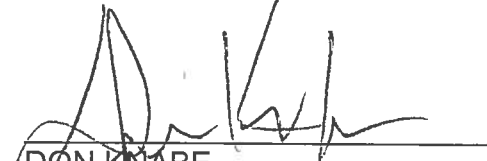
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